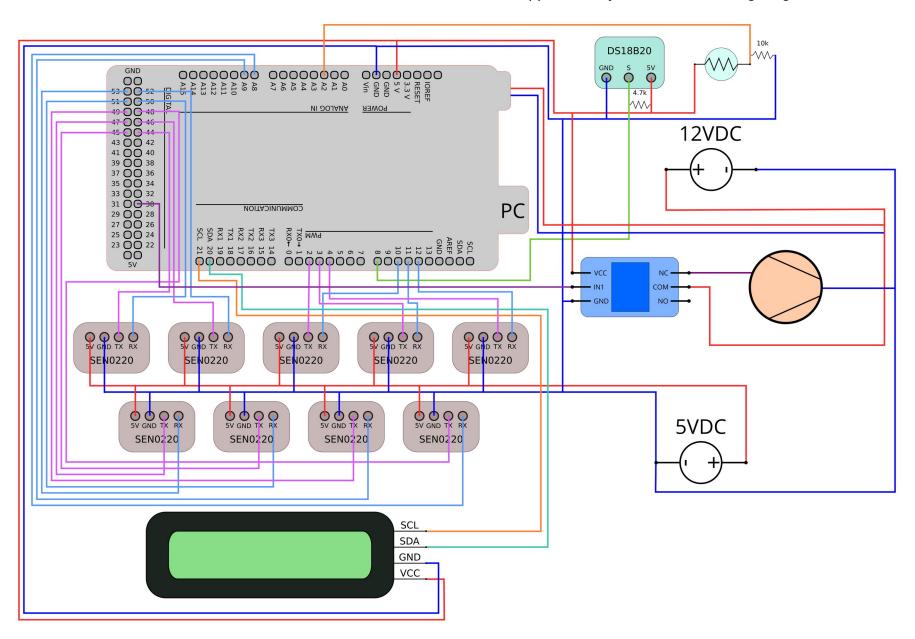
A low-cost versatile system for continuous real-time respiratory activity measurement as a tool in environmental research

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/* RTOX metabolic rate measuring system software
* CONNECTING THE COMPONENTS
* 20x4 LCD screen: VCC - 5V; GND - GND; SDA - D20; SCL - D21
* SEN0220 NDIR CO2 sensors (Vin - 5V; GND - GND):
* - Ref (S1): RX1 = 10; TX1 = 2;
* - Exp1 (S2): RX2 = 11; TX2 = 3;
* - Exp2 (S3): RX3 = 12; TX3 = 4;
* - Exp3 (S4): RX4 = 50; TX4 = 44;
* - Exp4 (S5): RX5 = 51; TX5 = 45;
* - Exp5 (S6): RX6 = 52; TX6 = 46;
* - Exp6 (S7): RX7 = 53; TX7 = 47;
* - Exp7 (S8): RX8 = 62; TX8 = 48;
* - Exp8 (S9): RX9 = 63; TX9 = 49;
* DS18B20 temperature sensor: Vin - 5V; GND; signal - D3 (4.7k resistor between 5V and D3)
* LCD backlight switch button (push-button): D2, GND (2.2k resistor between Data and 5V)
* Manual reset push-button: 5V, GND, RESET (1k resistor between RESET and 5V)
* Photosensor: Vin - 5V; GND; A2 (10k resistor between Data and GND)
*/
// Software reset library for Arduino - implementing in cases of sudden CO2 concentration jumps
#include <SoftReset.h>
#include < Software Serial.h >
// LCD screen
#include <Wire.h>
#include <LCD.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
LiquidCrystal I2C lcd(0x27,2,1,0,4,5,6,7,3,POSITIVE); // 0x27 is the I2C bus address for an unmodified
backpack
// LCD screen backlight control
const int buttonPin = 6:
volatile int buttonState = 0;
boolean light on = true;
// Photosensor
int PHS_pin = 2;
float PHS_reading;
// Temperature
#include <DallasTemperature.h>
#include <OneWire.h>
int temp_sensor = 8;
float temp = 0;
OneWire oneWirePin(temp sensor);
DallasTemperature sensors(&oneWirePin);
// Vacuum-pump control
#define RELAY 30
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int data;
// Preparation of CO2-variables
// Communication with the CO2 sensors
int RX1 = 10; int TX1 = 2;
int RX2 = 11; int TX2 = 3;
int RX3 = 12; int TX3 = 4;
int RX4 = 50; int TX4 = 44;
int RX5 = 51; int TX5 = 45;
int RX6 = 52; int TX6 = 46;
int RX7 = 53; int TX7 = 47;
int RX8 = 62; int TX8 = 48;
int RX9 = 63; int TX9 = 49;
unsigned char hexdata[9] = \{0xFF, 0x01, 0x86, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x79\};
// Storing CO2 values
// Raw data
int CO2 1 r; int CO2 2 r; int CO2 3 r; int CO2 4 r; int CO2 5 r; int CO2 6 r; int CO2 7 r; int CO2 8 r; int
CO2 9 r;
// Average CO2 concentration in t=0
int CO2_0_av;
// Corrected values
int CO2 1 c; int CO2 2 c; int CO2 3 c; int CO2 4 c; int CO2 5 c; int CO2 6 c; int CO2 7 c; int CO2 8 c;
int CO2 9 c;
// CO2 concentration change in unit of time (s)
int v1; int v2; int v3; int v4; int v5; int v6; int v7; int v8; int v9;
// Variables used for correction of raw data
int noise; // deviation from initial value of ambient CO2 concentration
int d_S1; int d_S2; int d_S3; int d_S4; int d_S5; int d_S6; int d_S7; int d_S8; int d_S9; // sensor errors
void setup() {
 Serial.begin(9600);
 pinMode(RELAY, OUTPUT);
 sensors.begin();
 // activate LCD module
 lcd.begin (20,4);
 lcd.setBacklightPin(3,POSITIVE);
 lcd.setBacklight(HIGH);
 lcd.home(); // set cursor to 0,0
 lcd.print(" DEFENSoil");
 lcd.setCursor(0,1);
 lcd.print(" RespiroMeter");
 delay(3000);
 lcd.clear();
 CO2_1_r = readCO2(RX1, TX1);
 CO2 2 r = readCO2(RX2, TX2);
 CO2_3_r = readCO2(RX3, TX3);
 CO2 4 r = readCO2(RX4, TX4);
 CO2 5 r = readCO2(RX5, TX5);
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CO2 6 r = readCO2(RX6, TX6);

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CO2_7_r = readCO2(RX7, TX7);
 CO2 8 r = readCO2(RX8, TX8);
 CO2 9 r = readCO2(RX9, TX9);
 CO2 0 av = (CO2 1 r + CO2 2 r + CO2 3 r + CO2 4 r + CO2 5 r + CO2 6 r + CO2 7 r + CO2 8 r +
CO2 9 r)/9;
 d S1 = CO2 1 r - CO2 0 av;
 d S2 = CO2 2 r - CO2 0 av;
 d_S3 = CO2_3_r - CO2_0_av;
 d_S4 = CO2_4_r - CO2_0_av;
 d_S5 = CO2_5_r - CO2_0_av;
 d_S6 = CO2_6_r - CO2_0_av;
 d_S7 = CO2_7_r - CO2_0_av;
 d_S8 = CO2_8_r - CO2_0_av;
 d_S9 = CO2_9_r - CO2_0_av;
void loop() {
 CO2_1_r = readCO2(RX1, TX1);
 CO2_2_r = readCO2(RX2, TX2);
 CO2_3_r = readCO2(RX3, TX3);
 CO2 4 r = readCO2(RX4, TX4);
 CO2 5 r = readCO2(RX5, TX5);
 CO2_6_r = readCO2(RX6, TX6);
 CO2 7 r = readCO2(RX7, TX7);
 CO2 8 r = readCO2(RX8, TX8);
 CO2_9_r = readCO2(RX9, TX9);
 noise = CO2_1_r - d_S1 - CO2_0_av;
 CO2_1_c = CO2_1_r - d_S1 - noise;
 CO2 2 c = CO2 2 r - d S2 - noise;
 CO2_3_c = CO2_3_r - d_S3 - noise;
 CO2 \ 4 \ c = CO2 \ 4 \ r - d \ S4 - noise;
 CO2 5 c = CO2 5 r - d S5 - noise;
 CO2 6 c = CO2 6 r - d S6 - noise;
 CO2_{7_c} = CO2_{7_r} - d_{S7} - noise;
 CO2_8_c = CO2_8_r - d_S8 - noise;
 CO2_9_c = CO2_9_r - d_S9 - noise;
 PHS_reading = analogRead(PHS_pin);
 sensors.requestTemperatures();
 temp = sensors.getTempCByIndex(0);
// lcd.clear();
 lcd.setCursor(2,0);
 lcd.print("1:");
 lcd.setCursor(4,0);
 lcd.print(" ");
 lcd.setCursor(4,0);
 lcd.print(CO2_2_c);
 lcd.setCursor(11,0);
 lcd.print("2:");
 lcd.setCursor(13,0);
 lcd.print(" ");
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lcd.setCursor(13,0);
lcd.print(CO2_3_c);
lcd.setCursor(2,1);
lcd.print("3:");
lcd.setCursor(4,1);
lcd.print(" ");
lcd.setCursor(4,1);
lcd.print(CO2_4_c);
lcd.setCursor(11,1);
lcd.print("4:");
lcd.setCursor(13,1);
lcd.print(" ");
lcd.setCursor(13,1);
lcd.print(CO2_5_c);
lcd.setCursor(2,2);
lcd.print("5:");
lcd.setCursor(4,2);
lcd.print(" ");
lcd.setCursor(4,2);
lcd.print(CO2_6_c);
lcd.setCursor(11,2);
lcd.print("6:");
lcd.setCursor(13,2);
lcd.print(" ");
lcd.setCursor(13,2);
lcd.print(CO2 7 c);
lcd.setCursor(2,3);
lcd.print("7:");
lcd.setCursor(4,3);
            ");
lcd.print("
lcd.setCursor(4,3);
lcd.print(CO2_8_c);
lcd.setCursor(11,3);
lcd.print("8:");
lcd.setCursor(13,3);
lcd.print(" ");
lcd.setCursor(13,3);
lcd.print(CO2_9_c);
if(Serial.available()>0){
 data=Serial.read();
 if(data==1){digitalWrite(RELAY, 1);}
 else if(data==0){digitalWrite(RELAY, 0);}
 else if(data==2){
   Serial.print(CO2_1_r);
   Serial.print(";");
   Serial.print(CO2_1_c);
   Serial.print(";");
   Serial.print(noise);
   Serial.print(";");
   Serial.print(d_S1);
   Serial.print(";");
   Serial.print(CO2_2_r);
  Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(CO2_2_c);
  Serial.print(";");
   Serial.print(d S2);
   Serial.print(";");
   Serial.print(CO2_3_r);
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Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_3_c);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(d_S3);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_4_r);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_4_c);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(d_S4);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_5_r);
    Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(CO2_5_c);
    Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(d_S5);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_6_r);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_6_c);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(d_S6);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_7_r);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_7_c);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial print(d_S7);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_8_r);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(CO2_8_c);
    Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(d_S8);
    Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(CO2_9_r);
    Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(CO2_9_c);
    Serial.print(";");
Serial.print(d_S9);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.print(PHS_reading);
    Serial.print(";");
    Serial.println(temp);
 delay(900);
int readCO2(int RX, int TX) {
 SoftwareSerial mySerial(RX, TX);
 mySerial.begin(9600);
 mySerial.write(hexdata, 9);
 delay(10);
 for (int i = 0, j = 0; i < 9; i++)
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